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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE CONVERSION :  
OF HEAVY FEEDSTOCKS SUCH AS  
HEAVY CRUDE OILS AND  
DISTILLATION RESIDUES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 29, 2008, Applicants request  
reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Claims** begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.